Quiz 4 - Chapter 3 – Texas Constitution in Perspective  
  
1. The constitution stipulates that state judges are to be selected by which method?   
a. Partisan election by the voters   
b. Election by the legislators   
c. Appointment by the governor   
d. Nonpartisan election by the voters   
  
2. Which method of election permits voters to determine if an ordinance or statute will go into effect?   
a. Initiative   
b. Referendum   
c. Popular recall   
d. Electoral vote   
  
3. Which election method allows citizens to place proposals on the ballot for voter approval? If the measure passes, it becomes law.   
a. Referendum   
b. Initiative   
c. Popular recall   
d. Electoral vote   
  
4. Which of the following is true about the Texas Constitution’s amendment process?   
a. Proposals by the voters   
b. Proposal by the majority vote of the legislature   
c. Ratification after approval by the governor   
d. Ratification by the majority of voters   
  
5. The state government decentralizes power by assigning many functions to units of local government, especially   
a. special districts.   
b. general law cities.   
c. councils of government.   
d. counties. 

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a document authorizing the establishment of a city with a population of 5,000 or less whose structure and organization are prescribed and limited by state law.   
a. General-law charter   
b. Home-rule charter   
c. Special district   
d. County   
  
7. Which statement most accurately reflects state constitutions?   
a. They are poorly written and, as a result, are interpreted to be overly restrictive.   
b. They are generally less restrictive than the U.S. Constitution.   
c. They require several hundred amendments to reflect the times.   
d. They are generally shorter than the U.S. Constitution.   
  
8. State constitutions require more amendments because of each of the following except   
a. interest groups frequently feel safer when their interests are protected in a constitution.   
b. citizens are wary of strong governments and prefer detailed restrictions.   
c. state constitutions are poorly written and arranged.   
d. state constitutions are usually written in general terms and need additional clarification.   
  
9. Compared to the United States and other state constitutions, Texas generally has   
a. more words.   
b. more total amendments.   
c. higher frequency of amendments per year.   
d. all of these choices are true.   
  
10. The Constitutional Convention of 1974 was divided over which issue?   
a. A right-to-work provision to restrict organized labor   
b. The merit system of selecting judges   
c. Setting the salary of state legislators   
d. Reducing the term of the governor to two years 